

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Gerard James Hayes)	
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Title:	REDUCTION OF NEAR-FIELD)	
	E-M SCATTERING USING HIGH)	
	IMPEDANCE COATING)	
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**RESPONSE TO THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2006
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 5, 2006.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.